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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 3765

Application No.: 10/085,066

Examiner: L. WORRELL

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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR

PROVIDING A PROTECTING TUBE

(as amended)

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Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2004, please reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the amendments and appended remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.